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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Proposed Travel of John Goldsmith, Senate Armed  
Services Committee Staff, to Southeast Asia

1. John Goldsmith called this morning to say that he is planning to visit Southeast Asia again after Congress adjourns. (Goldsmith visited Southeast Asia last in January 1972.) The purpose of his travel is to update his information base so that Senator Stennis will have up-to-date information on the Southeast Asian situation, developed by members of his own staff. Goldsmith plans to leave Washington on 19 October arriving in Saigon on 23 October. Other stops will include the following:

25X1A [redacted] Vientiane, 29-30 October [redacted]  
25X1A [redacted] to approximately 2 November. He will make an overnight  
stop in Paris on his return to the U.S.

2. Goldsmith said he had two requests. One was for a briefing by George Carver next Monday or Tuesday and the other was that we alert our field stations to his travel plans so he could get the same cooperation in the field that he received on his last trip.

3. Goldsmith also said he would like to talk to Mr. Maury or me about the possibility of "writing something up" about [redacted] He said he thought this should take the form of a memorandum to Chairman Stennis which would be available to him for reference purposes later if he should need it. Goldsmith was concerned as to how he could return his field notes in a secure way. I told him there was no problem in this regard since he could turn his notes over to our station chief at his last stop in Southeast Asia and they could be sent back in the Agency pouch.

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4. I told Goldsmith I would check on George Carver's availability early next week and be back in touch with him. Goldsmith suggested we do this late in the afternoon so he could come by here on his way home thus saving Mr. Carver a trip to the Hill.



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